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He is *stark* mad, who ever says (1) of another's word.
That he hath been in love an hour, to evener or old *Dome*.
Those seditions, that seemed moderate before, became
desperate, and those who were desperate seemed *stark* mad;
whence tumults, confused hollowings and howlings. *Hayw.*
Who, by the most cogent arguments, will disrobe him-
self at once of all his old opinions, and turn himself out *stark*
naked in quest of new notions? *Locke.*
In came squire South, all dressed up in feathers and ribbons,
stark staring mad, brandishing his sword. *Arbutnot.*
STARKLY. *adv.* [from *stark*.] Stiffly; strongly.
As fast lock'd up in sleep as guileless labour, *Locke.*
When it lies *starkly* in the traveller's bones. *Shakespeare.*
STARLESS. *adj.* [from *star*.] Having no light of stars.
A boundless continent,
Dark, waste, and wild, under the frown of night;
Starless expos'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost*, b. iii.
Cato might give them furlor for another world;
But we, like sentries, are oblig'd to stand
In *starless* nights, and wait th' appointed hour. *Dryden.*
STARLIGHT. *n. f.* [from *star* and *light*.] Lustre of the stars.
Now they never meet in grove or green,
By fountain clear or spangled *starlight* stream. *Shakespeare.*
Nor walk by moon,
Or glittering *starlight*, without thee is sweet. *Milton.*
They danced by *starlight* and the friendly moon. *Dryden.*
STARLIGHT. *adj.* Lighted by the stars.
Owls, that mark the setting sun, declare
A *starlight* evening and a morning fair. *Dryden's Virg.*
STARLIKE. *adj.* [from *star* and *like*.]
1. Stellated; having various points resembling a star in lustre.
Nightshade-tree rises with a wooden stem, green-leaved,
and has *starlike* flowers. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
2. Bright; illustrious.
The having turned many to righteousness shall confer a *star-*
like and immortal brightness. *Boyle's Seraphick Love.*
These reasons mov'd her *starlike* husband's heart;
But still he held his purpose to depart. *Dryden.*
STARLING. *n. f.* [from *stearling*, Saxon.] A small singing bird.
Nothing but Mortimer, and give it him,
To keep his anger still in motion. *Shak. Henry IV.*
STARPAVED. *adj.* [from *star* and *pave*.] Studded with stars.
In progress through the road of heav'n *starpaved*. *Milton.*
STARPROOF. *adj.* [from *star* and *proof*.] Impervious to starlight.
Under the shady roof
Of branching elm *starproof*. *Milton.*
STAR-READ. *n. f.* [from *star* and *read*.] Doctrine of the stars;
astronomy.
STARRED. *adj.* [from *star*.] 1. Influenced by the stars with respect to fortune.
My third comfort,
Star'd most unluckily, is from my breast
Held out to murder. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*
2. Decorated with stars.
That *star'd* Ethiop queen, that strove
To set her beauty's praise above
The sea-nymphs. *Milton.*
His sceptre *star'd* with golden studs around. *Pope.*
Decorated with stars.
Daphne wound'ring mounts on high,
Above the clouds, above the *starry* sky! *Pope.*
2. Consisting of stars; stellar.
Such is his will, that paints
The earth with colours fresh, snow sweet blow'n
The darkest skies with store
Of *starry* lights. *Spenser.*
Heav'n and earth's compacted frame,
And flowing waters, and the *starry* flame,
And both the radiant lights, one common soul
Inspires and feeds, and animates the whole. *Dryden.*
3. Resembling stars.
Tears had dimm'd the lustre of her *starry* eyes. *Shak. Illust.*
STARRING. *adj.* [from *star* and *ring*.] Shining with
stellar light; blazing with sparkling light.
Such his fell glances as the fatal light
Of *starring* comets that look kingdoms dead. *Crashaw.*
STARSHOOT. *n. f.* [from *star* and *shoot*.] An emission from a star.
I have seen a good quantity of that jelly, by the vulgar called
a *starshoot*, as if it remained upon the extinction of a falling
star. *Boyle.*
TO START. *v. a.* [from *startzen*, German.] 1. To feel a sudden and involuntary twitch or motion of the
limb animal frame, on the apprehension of danger.
Starting is an apprehension of the thing feared; and in that
kind it is a motion of thinking; and likewise an inquisition,
in the beginning, what the matter should be, and in that kind
it is a motion of erection, and therefore, when a man would
listen suddenly to any thing, he *starteth*, for the *starting* is an
erection of the spirits to attend. *Bacon's Natural History.*

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